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Owners Manual

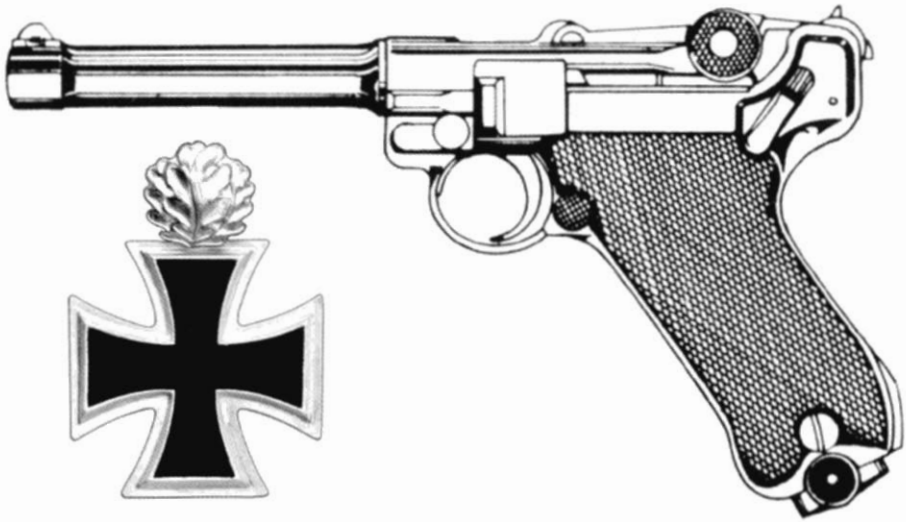
for the

Care and Use

of

Georg Luger's legendary

Pistol Parabellum P-08



Manufacturer: _____ Serial Number: _____

This Instruction Manual should always accompany the pistol and be transferred with it upon change of ownership. Become knowledgeable with the instructions contained here and review the entire booklet each time you intend to use your pistol.

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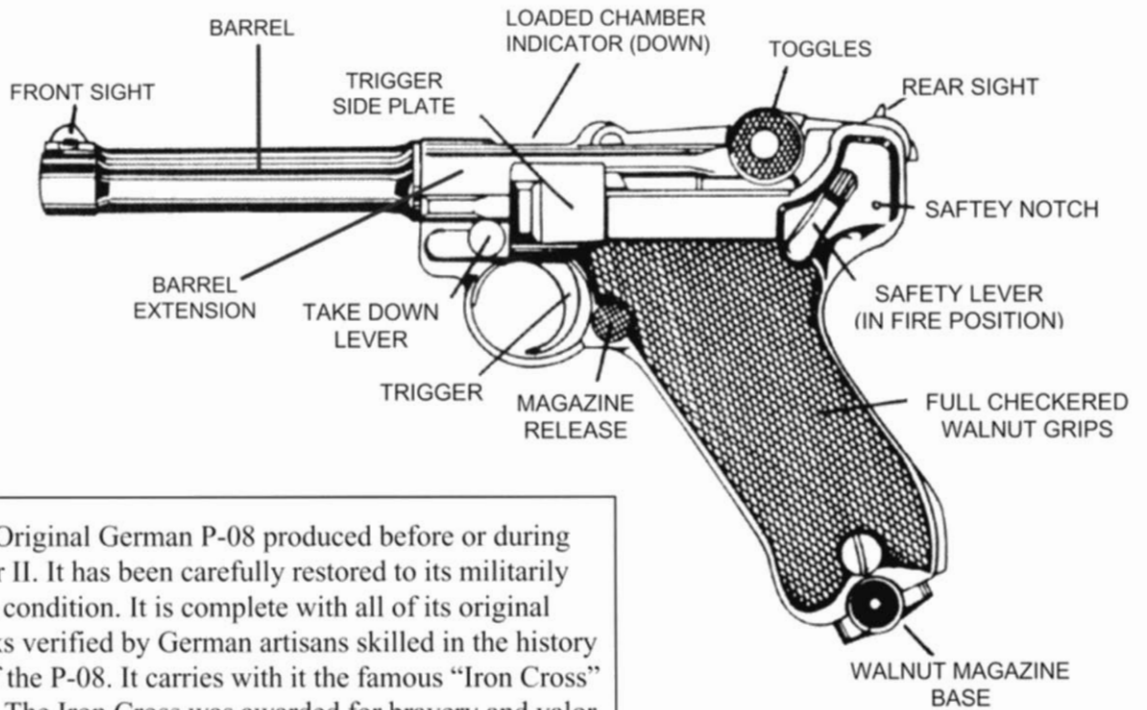
Feature diagram of the P-08



This is an Original German P-08 produced before or during World War II. It has been carefully restored to its militarily acceptable condition. It is complete with all of its original proof marks verified by German artisans skilled in the history and lore of the P-08. It carries with it the famous "Iron Cross" medallion. The Iron Cross was awarded for bravery and valor in combat in the air or on the ground.

Congratulations . . .

on your purchase of one of the most contemporary designs in the fascinating world of firearms. Few other products, of any type, have a silhouette as recognizable as the famous Pistol Parabellum P-08.

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Pistol Parabellum P-08

Introduction:

As a responsible firearms owner, you must read this owner's manual thoroughly and become completely comfortable with it before you handle your pistol.

Then examine your pistol carefully after you've read this manual and make sure you understand all of the basics associated with it. Your pistol is one of the best designs ever made. It led the world into auto-loading pistols. It will give you a lifetime of reliable service, security and pride of ownership. You, the owner, must use it intelligently, keep it clean and call us with any questions.

The Pistol Parabellum P-08 traces its roots right back to the U.S.A., even though it is generally better known by its German background. In its background are such famous names as Winchester, Hugo Borchardt and, of course, Georg Luger, after whom the Pistol Parabellum is best known.

A Brief Model Background:

The P-08's ancestry goes to its original source which was designer/engineer Hugo Borchardt who worked for Winchester in the late 1800's. He created the well-known Borchardt pistol which was a true, but ungainly looking, self-loading pistol.

History, becoming somewhat clouded with time, suggests that Mr. Borchardt's design eventually evolved into the Pistol Parabellum P-08 by none other than a German designer named Georg Luger.

The P-08 was ultimately produced in a 4" barrel version and is known as the Army Model. In its 6" barrel version it is known as the Navy Model and in an 8" barrel version it is known as the Artillery Model. In addition, there is the famous Luger Carbine, albeit rare.

The various styles were defined by the military which adopted the models for their several service branches.

And the rest, as they say, is history!

Your P-08 is now an extremely valuable collector's pistol. It has, among other things, matching numbers on all of the main parts.

It comes in a Presentation Grade walnut case that is serially numbered to match the P-08. The medallion in the inside lid is serially numbered to match the P-08 and it has the correct neck-ribbon appropriate to the medallion as awarded at the time. Be careful not to lose any serially numbered component because in doing so you stand to seriously affect its collector value.

General Features:

The Pistol Parabellum P-08 is a magazine-fed, recoil operated, closed-bolt, striker-fired, semi-automatic pistol. It rests naturally in the hand by virtue of its distinctive shape and thus becomes natural to point and is very accurate.

While the P-08, in any of its models, has many assets and features, perhaps its most endearing attribute is its enduring reliability and classic performance.

Your pistol, like its contemporary, the Colt 1911, proved itself on the battlefield.

It is now a real Presentation Grade prize. While the P-08 may be used in any normal manner for sport shooting, its real value now lies in its history and collector value.

Your Presentation Grade P-08 may well show some early battle damage, depending on the year it was produced, which we have chosen not to remove. Your P-08 is not new in the classic sense. It has been restored to military-new, serviceable condition by skilled artisans from the factory. If it had to, it could "go to war" right now!

You may shoot your pistol as much as you like. Doing so, however, exposes your P-08 to normal wear and tear and will affect its collector value if you are not extremely careful. New nicks and scratches, beyond any battle damage, will affect the value of your P-08, so be careful.

Safety Features:

The P-08 has a striker fired mechanism and as such has unique and reliable safety features. *It will not fire unless you intend to fire it.*

It has a safety lever on the left rear side of the frame which moves forward and rearward in an arc. (See the drawing on the inside front cover.) In its forward position it is in the 'fire' position. In the forward position the sear block is retracted into the frame and not visible.

In the rear position, the sear block is raised in view and the P-08 cannot fire.

When the sear block is raised, the sear itself is actually blocked, but do not stress the trigger mechanism by pulling the trigger with the safety on; you can break it if you are strong enough.

A highlight of the safety features of the P-08 is the "loaded chamber indicator"! It is actually the extractor itself. When the chamber is loaded, the extractor is forced upward while it is hooked onto a round in the chamber. As such, it is visible and can be felt because it protrudes above the surface of the smooth breech bolt. Regardless of the location of the safety lever, the loaded chamber indicator will tell you whether or not there is a round in the chamber. It will not tell you whether the pistol is safe; it will only tell you if there is a round in the chamber. The safety lever will tell you if the pistol is on 'safe' or 'fire', but it will not tell you if there is a round in the chamber. Utilized together, the safety lever and the loaded chamber indicator make the P-08 one of the safest pistols in the world.

Sights:

The P-08 is equipped with sturdy combat sights making the P-08 amazingly accurate. The rear sight is a fixed Vee-type notch and is built into the rear toggle link. The front sight is an *inverted* Vee-type notch and is drift adjustable. The correct sight picture is when the front inverted Vee is aligned within and level with the rear Vee notch. You should learn just which sight picture is correct for you. It is affected by your particular grip style as well as such factors such as bullet weight and type. You will learn which is best for you by trying several different bullet types. Always try to keep the same grip

pressure each time you shoot. Do not 'dry fire' the P-08 for practice, but do store your pistol in the 'fired' position.

Magazine:

Your P-08 has a box magazine which can hold 8 rounds of 9mm Luger ammunition. You must use factory new ammunition only; no re-loads. Your gun is designed to function best with any new 9mm Luger Full-Metal-Jacket ammunition. This ammunition is also called Military Ball, Ball, or Hardball. Any of the above will result in the most trouble-free operation. The magazine requires no particular servicing. It is equipped with a metal follower and a solid walnut base. You must keep it clean and lightly oiled all over. The magazine is latched in place by the magazine catch plunger located at the upper front grip panel immediately to the rear of the trigger on the left side. The magazine has a follower-button protruding through the right side of the magazine body and it serves two functions:

1. It is the activating device for the last-round-stop also known as the bolt-hold-open.
2. It serves to relieve pressure on the spring in the magazine by hooking onto the follower button as you load cartridges into the magazine by pulling it down with your thumb. You can use a magazine loading tool to make loading much easier.

Make sure the follower button is in place and freely moves up and down its track in the magazine body. It is a vital part of your pistol!

Loading and Shooting Your P-08:

Keep all ammunition away from the pistol until you are completely familiar with this manual and the pistol itself. Make sure the pistol is clean and complete. Check for visible damage or missing parts. If anything is missing, damaged, or out of place, **Don't load or fire the pistol. Call us for advice first**. Your pistol carries a one year warranty but even if the year is exceeded, call us anyway!

First check to see that your pistol is empty. It's easy to do! Look at the loaded chamber indicator. If it protrudes above the breech block, **it is loaded!** If it does not protrude, the chamber is empty, **but there**

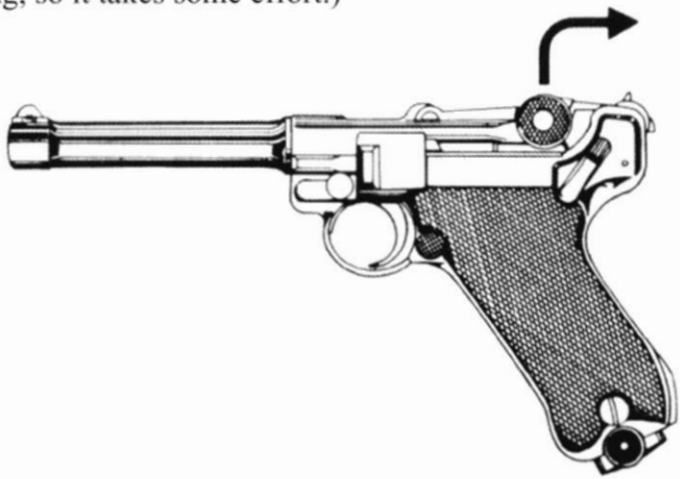
could still be a round in the magazine. Always check both the chamber and the magazine.

Remove the magazine by pushing in the magazine release and at the same time grasp the wooden base at the bottom of the grip and pull it out. Check to see that it is empty. You can now verify that the magazine and the pistol are both empty **and** clean. You must clean and oil your pistol before doing **any** shooting.

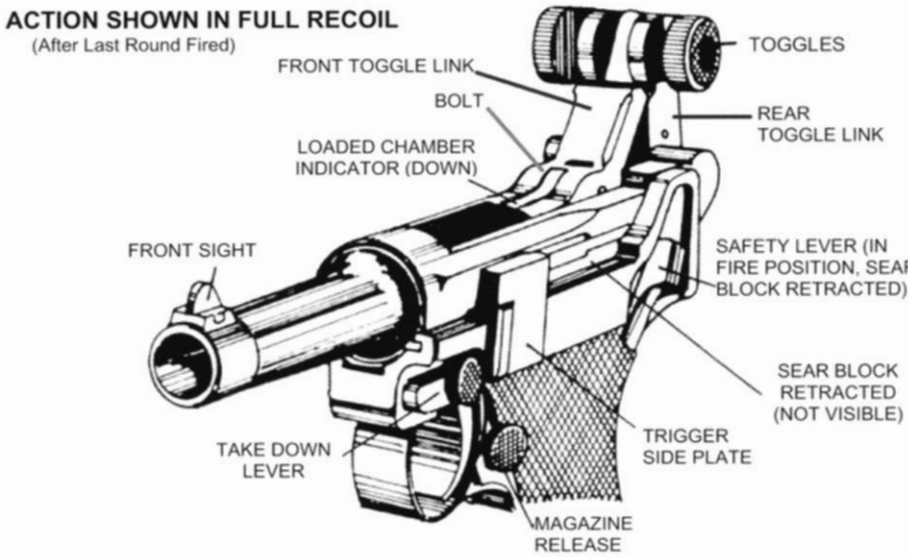
Check to see that the barrel is **clean** and has no **obstructions** of any kind. Excessive grease or oil should be removed. Do not think you can "shoot it out" because you can't. What you can do is ruin a perfectly good barrel (and that's expensive).

After you have determined that the pistol is clean, complete, and oiled, you may proceed. The basic functions must be understood as follows:

To arm the pistol make sure an empty magazine is in place. It is necessary to grasp the knurled toggles and smartly draw them up and back, fully to the rear. (In doing so, you are compressing a strong recoil spring, so it takes some effort.)



The magazine follower button will activate the last round stop and the action will stay open. (If it doesn't, something is wrong.) You can then remove the magazine and the action will stay open as shown here. Make sure the safety lever is on 'Safe'.



Loading the magazine…remove the magazine from the pistol. With your thumb on the follower button you can pull down and retract the follower. You can also use the loading tool to make it easier. Load cartridges from the front toward the rear of the magazine under the magazine lips (not from the top). Original German loading tools are available.

You may now load the magazine into the pistol by inserting it into the grip frame and pushing upward until the magazine catch snaps into the magazine. You can feel it happen and also hear it. Never slam it home. Leave that to Hollywood actors where they use fake pistols…yours is valuable and real!

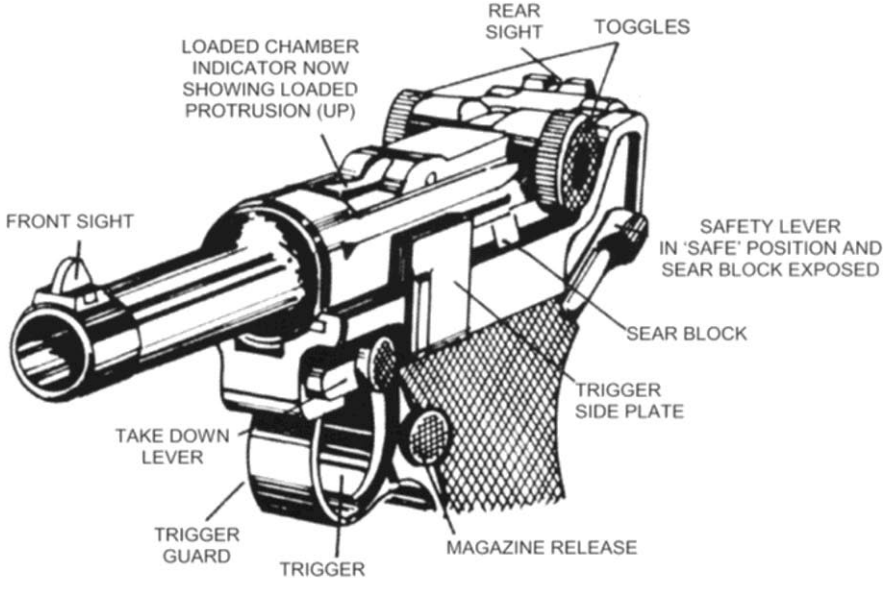
Your pistol is now loaded with the action open, safety on and loaded magazine in place.

Shooting:

As a responsible gun owner you must always know where the bullet will go when you fire your pistol; whether you hit your target or miss it, you still must know. **Be certain of the back stop for your shooting.** Then you can safely shoot (and only then). **Keep the pistol pointed 'down-range' at all times.**

Keep your finger off of the trigger and out of the trigger guard. Hold the pistol firmly in your shooting hand and grasp the open toggles with your other hand. Pull back the toggles as far as you can (they will only move about 1/8") and release them. Don't "lower" the toggles slowly! Let them snap forward smartly from their own spring pressure.

LOADED PISTOL ON 'SAFE' . . . CHECK ALL FEATURES



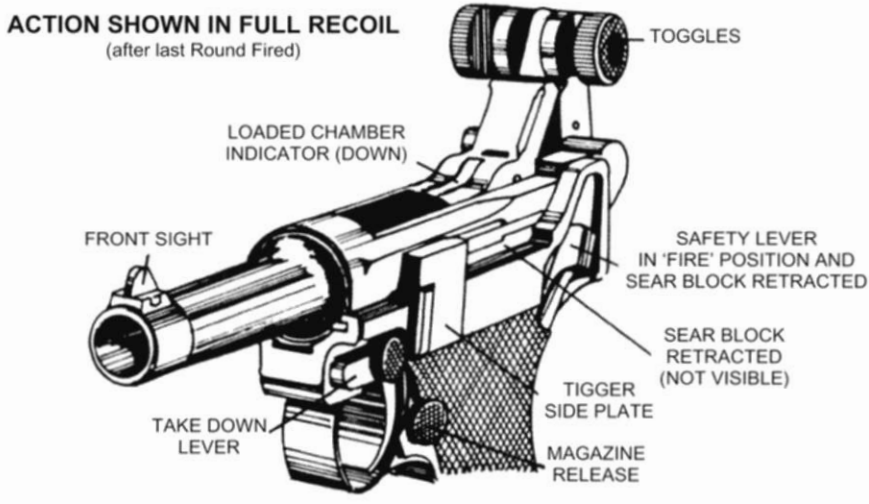
In doing so, the toggle assembly will snap forward, strip the top cartridge out of the magazine and load it into the chamber. You are now holding a loaded pistol with the safety **"ON"** and a round in the chamber! Take note of the loaded chamber indicator and see how it protrudes above the surface of the breech bolt. **Keep the pistol pointed 'Down-Range' at all times.**

Put the safety in the "fire" position, full forward. Align the sights with the target and then put your finger on the trigger.

The P-08 has a military "two-stage" trigger which means you must slowly take up the initial slack of the trigger's travel until you feel it tighten up.

In the second stage the trigger will 'break' cleanly and crisply and the P-08 will fire. The P-08 will automatically re-cycle itself and be ready for the next round instantly. It will fire the bullet, eject the empty case, reload the chamber and cock the firing pin in the blink of an eye. It will continue to do so for as long as you keep pulling the trigger or until the magazine is empty.

When the last round in the magazine is fired, the follower button on the magazine will automatically activate the bolt-hold-open device. The toggle assembly will automatically stay retracted in its full recoil position, the target and the sights on the pistol will be completely blocked from view. You can then withdraw the magazine to re-load it (follow the instructions given earlier) and the toggle assembly will still stay retracted.



If you change your mind and don't want to shoot, be aware that you have a loaded gun, ready to fire. DO the following:

1. Put the safety lever in the Safe position fully rearward.
2. Remove the magazine. Empty the magazine.

3. Grasp the toggles of the gun and draw them rearward smartly and the loaded round will be extracted and ejected from the gun.
4. Replace the empty magazine into the P-08
5. Retract the toggles again to the full rear position and they will stay open.

When you choose to stop shooting, simply keep the magazine out of the pistol and lower the toggles. Do so by grasping the toggles, retract them to the full back position (only about 1/8" rearward) and let go. This will allow them to snap full forward and closed. Then take note of the loaded-chamber-indicator and be certain it is not protruding! Return the empty magazine into its place in the grip frame and make sure it snaps into position.

Verify that the loaded chamber indicator is full down (not protruding) and swing the safety lever to the 'safe' position.

Care and Cleaning:

Your P-08 was made of high grade steel and will easily last a lifetime. Even so, it requires care, cleaning, oiling and intelligent handling. After every shooting session, the pistol should be cleaned and oiled thoroughly. We recommend any popular synthetic lubricant, but ordinary gun oil will do nicely.

To clean your pistol

First determine that it is empty by removing the magazine and checking the loaded chamber indicator. Re-insert the magazine and retract the toggles to their full rear position and they will stay retracted (because the follower button will activate the last round stop). Then remove the magazine.

This will totally expose the bore to you as well as the toggle links. The magazine will be out and the magazine will be empty and exposed. Only now can you safely and easily scrub it clean.

Use a good bore cleaner and a 9mm brass bristle brush for the bore. An old tooth brush will do nicely for the face of the breech bolt and the magazine well. Scrub everything clean. Then use a clean white cloth to wipe clean and remove the bore cleaner/solvent (an old worn out t-shirt works very well).

Then oil lightly the entire gun, inside and out, making sure the oil penetrates the bore all over. Make sure you oil the rails on which the breech bolt rides and oil all of the toggle link joints. The whole pistol should be lightly oiled and the whole process will take no more than 20 minutes of your time. It's well worth it to protect your valuable P-08!

Now lower the toggles by pulling them full back (about 1/8") and let go allowing them to snap forward. Verify that the loaded chamber indicator is indicating 'empty' as stated earlier. Check the magazine to see it is empty and restore it in the grip frame. No further disassembly is required for normal cleaning.

Your pistol is now empty, clean and secure. ***Keep your pistol out of the hands of children***. It is designed for adult use only. Remember, never use re-loaded ammunition, no matter who loaded it. Use factory new ammunition only!

Take good care of it and it will last a lifetime.

Spare Parts and Accessories:

Accessories available for your P-08 include:

- Spare Magazine
- Loading Tool
- Original leather holster with original markings
- Reproduction model leather holster with markings duplicated.

Spare Parts

Spare parts are available and are fully identified in the exploded view drawing.

Warranty Service:

Should your pistol ever need warranty service or repairs, you may send your P-08 directly to your authorized repair station. Please call us first.

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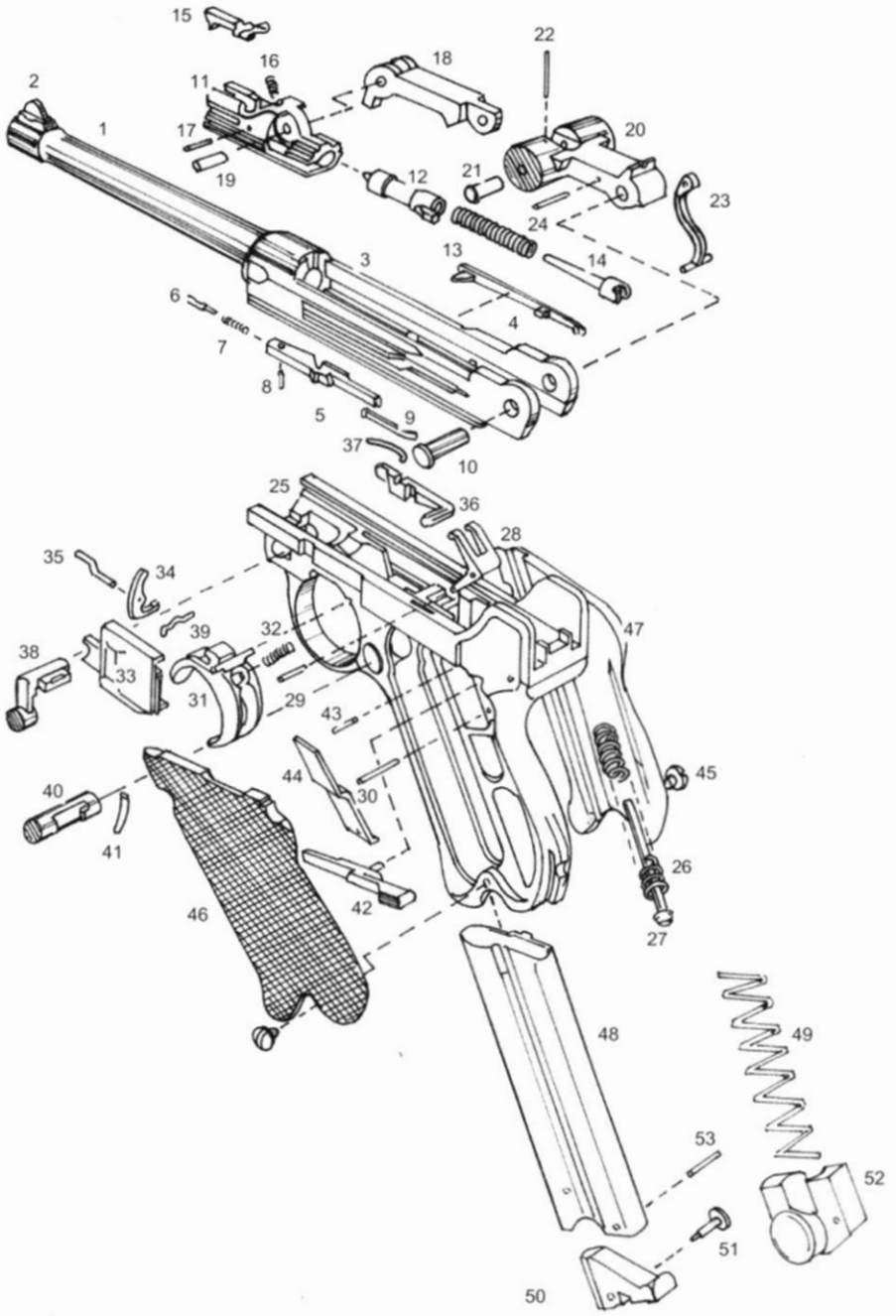
Include your return address; the problem you are experiencing; and a daytime telephone number. Always include **all** of your magazines as well.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Exploded view drawing / part list Pistol Parabellum P-08

1. Barrel
2. Front Sight
3. Barrel Extension
4. Ejector
5. Sear Bar
6. Sear Bar Plunger
7. Sear Bar Plunger Spring
8. Sear Bar Plunger Pin
9. Sear Bar Spring
10. Rear Toggle Link Pin
11. Breechblock
12. Firing Pin
13. Firing Pin Spring
14. Firing Pin Spring Guide
15. Extractor
16. Extractor Spring
17. Extractor Pin
18. Front Toggle Link
19. Front Toggle Pin
20. Rear Toggle Link
21. Rear Toggle Pin
22. Rear Toggle Pin Retainer
23. Coupling Link
24. Coupling Link Pin
25. Frame (Not Sold)
26. Recoil Spring
27. Recoil Spring Guide
28. Recoil Spring Lever
29. Recoil Spring Lever Pin
30. Recoil Lever Pin
31. Trigger
32. Trigger Spring
33. Trigger Side Plate
34. Trigger Lever
35. Trigger Lever Pin
36. Hold Open Latch
37. Hole Open Latch Spring
38. Locking Bolt
39. Locking Bolt Spring
40. Magazine Release
41. Magazine Release Spring
42. Safety Lever
43. Safety Lever Pin
44. Safety Bar
45. Grip Screws (2)
46. Left Grip
47. Right Grip
48. Magazine Body
49. Magazine Spring
50. Magazine Follower
51. Magazine Follower Button
52. Magazine Bottom (Walnut)
53. Magazine Bottom Pin

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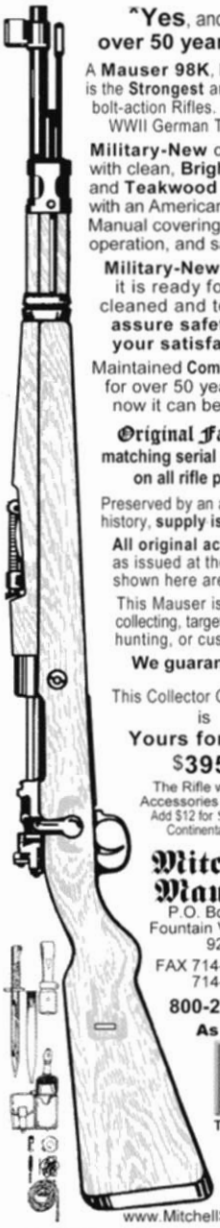

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